



Eletfa Csoport Egyesület

The Eletfa Csoport Egyesület (Tree of Life Group Association) is a community of parents in Erd (Hungary) and the surrounding area who are raising children with special needs and chronic illnesses.

Our group is quite diverse: *consisting of families with children who have severe and multiple disabilities, autism, speech impairments, physical disabilities, sensory disabilities, intellectual disabilities, ADHD, and chronic illnesses.*



Our story began in 2015 when mothers raising children with severe and multiple disabilities launched our Eletfa parent group. This virtual space was created out of the need to unite affected families in our area and form a supportive, authentic community, as many families were suffering from a complete lack of information about where to turn for help in various aspects of life.

It soon became clear that the virtual space would not be sufficient to support the growing number of families in need. This led to the establishment of our association in 2017, through which we provide a variety of services. **Since 2020, we have been operating as a public benefit organization.**



We provide various services in four areas:

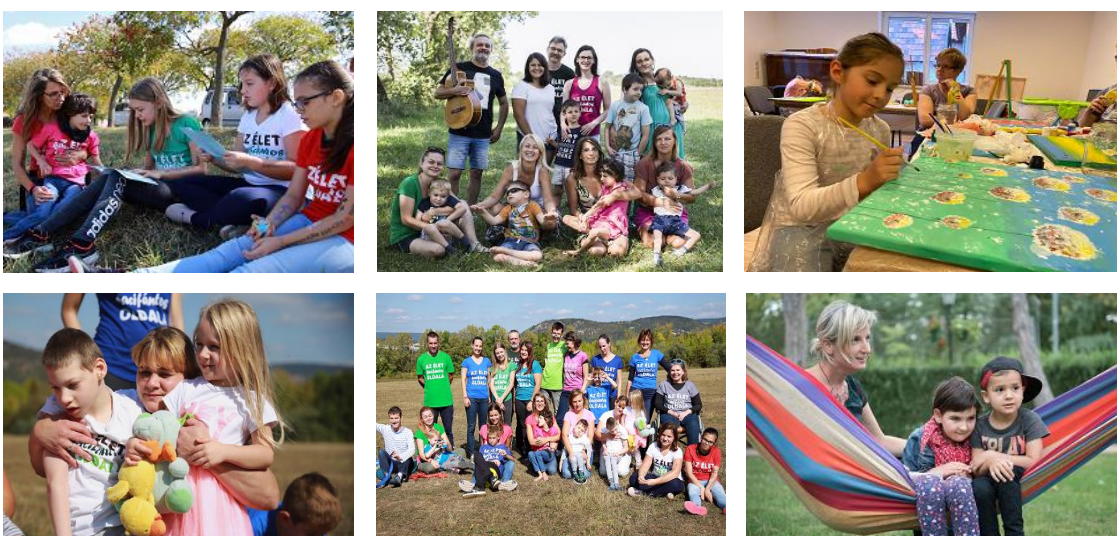
1. We are proud to have launched a service that fills a gap: we provide a **DEVELOPMENTAL DAYCARE** for children with severe and multiple disabilities in collaboration with the local primary school in Erd. Our children are unable to participate in traditional school education, and this developmental daycare serves as a substitute, offering different therapies, including alternative communication development.



2. We offer numerous discounted and free **DEVELOPMENTAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES** in the afternoons for children with disabilities and special educational needs (SEN*). This is our way of helping to ease the financial burden on families. Currently, we provide dog-assisted therapy, water therapy, music sessions, movement development, as well as arts and crafts, and drama activities for children. All activities are conducted by child-centered, experienced professionals.



3. We organize **COMMUNITY PROGRAMS** regularly, as we believe maintaining the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of the whole family is essential. Some of our programs are specifically designed for parents or healthy siblings, but we also arrange activities for the entire family. Our regular programs include creative workshops, excursions, picnics, musical and theatrical performances, holiday events, support parent clubs, trainings, and educational sessions, among others.



* SEN: special education needs

4. We also provide **PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES** based on well-prepared expertise: psychologists, special education teachers, legal advisors, and other specialists assist affected parents and families. Our unique service is the parent-mentor program, where we, as parents, support our peers with our own experiences and knowledge.



Our Value-Creating Services in Numbers:

1. Development for disabled kids

- We offer individual or group development, experiential therapies, and activities at discounted rates or free of charge for 150 families raising disabled children.
- Our developmental daycare currently serves 7 children with severe and multiple disabilities, operating at full capacity. Due to space limitations, we can accommodate a maximum of 6-7 children.
- The value of the services we provide varies significantly: for children attending developmental sessions, we provide an equivalent of 20,000-50,000 HUF/month per child, and for those in the daycare, we offer services valued at an average of 450,000 HUF/month per child, significantly easing the burdens on families facing already challenging circumstances.
- Due to the increased demand, the diversity of programs and therapies offered, and limited available space, one of our association's primary goals is to expand our development and community space.



2. Comprehensive Support for Families Raising Children with Special Needs

- **Dynamic Growth in Our Facebook Parent Group:** We currently have 550 members. This private group serves as a daily hub for sharing ideas, practical advice, and experiences, covering everything from development options to navigating bureaucratic challenges.
- **Active Involvement of Volunteer Families:** 20-25 families regularly participate and contribute to our initiatives.
- **Volunteer Professionals:** We have a dedicated team of 15 professional volunteers offering their expertise.



3. Our Association's Organizational Development

We strive for continuous efficiency and organizational development, participating in various trainings and workshops.

- Self-awareness Group Training: 30 parents (2018, 2019)
- Communication Training: 7 parents (2021)
- Mentor Parent Training: 16 parents (2021-2022, accredited training)
- Change Management Training: 3 participants (2021)
- Photography Theory and Practical Training: 15 participants (2022)
- Special Education Assistant Training: 4 participants (2023)
- Grief Therapy: 20 participants (2023)
- Self-awareness Group Training for Mentor Parents: 15 participants (2023)
- Mobile Videography Course (2023)
- Resilience Training (2024)



Our association won the Érd Médiacentrum Pro Publicitate Award in 2019.

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We look forward to our successful collaboration in the future! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us.

TOGETHER WE GROW BIG!

